



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ritsuko Iwasaki

Serial No.: 09/496,421

Group Art Unit: 2815

Filed: February 2, 2000

Examiner: Lee, E.

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED LAYOUT PATTERN OF
PAIR TRANSISTORS

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee and concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims.

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- 1 -- 26. A semiconductor device including first and second transistors formed on a
 - 2 semiconductor chip, each having a terminal commonly connected to a node, said device
 - 3 comprising:
 - 4 a main line of a first gate electrode layer of said first transistor extending in a first
 - 5 direction;
 - 6 two branches branching substantially perpendicularly from said main line of said first
 - 7 gate electrode layer, said two branches extending in a second direction;
 - 8 a first diffusion layer of said first transistor coupled to a first contact hole;



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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	22 -	22	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 00.00
Indep. Claims	5 -	4	= 1	x \$84.00	\$ 84.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 84.00

A check in the amount of \$ 84.00 is herewith enclosed to cover the excess claim fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date:

10/15/02

Respectfully Submitted,

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